DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Installed capacity of Yerranguntla Plant is 4.00 lakh MTs.

(b) Total production at Yerraguntla during the last three years was :—

(Lakh Mts)

Year	Cement Production
1989-90	2.54
1990-91	2.54
1991-92	3.13

(c) The major reasons for under utilisation of installed capacity were infrastructural constraints like power, wagon and coal shortages etc.

(d) and (e) A One-Million Tonne per annum expansion project of Yerraguntla Plant has already been approved at a revised cost of Rs. 191.25 crores (base June, 1988).

Closing of SISI Extension Centre, Kolhapur

636. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Small Industries Service Institute Extension Centre at Kolhapur has been closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to restart the Centre at Kolhapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On a review of certain activities performed by SIDO (Small Industries Development Organisation) it has been decided not to spread SIDO too thin and to close down low tech/non-performing Extension Centres (37 Nos.) and non-functioning Field Testing Stations (4). This Extension Centre, which is one of these 37 Centres, has been closed after making a take-over offer to the Govt. of Maharashtra who has not responded to take over the same.

(c) Does not arise.

Auction of PSU Shares

637. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to auction shares of selected public sector undertakings to mop up Rs. 3,500 crore during the current year;

(b) if so, the details of each such PSU, separately;

(c) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that a common investor gets its due share in the deal on normal participation basis instead of Investment Companies cornering the major chunk of the share by forming cartels;

(d) whether Government propose to reserve certain portion of shares for the employees of the company and general public; and

(e) what is Government's reaction to the reported bungling in auctioning of PSU shares ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of disinvestment in each PSU will be decided for each tranche depending upon the circumstances prevailing from time to time.

(c) Shares are sold through open tender notice published in newspapers permitting participation by any legal entity or persons who can hold and sell shares in India.

(d) The Government propose to reserve certain portion of shares for employees of the concerned enterprise, subject to certain conditions.

(e) There is no bungling in the disinvestment process.